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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Gene Stellon, et al

Divisional of Serial No.: 09/526,837

Examiner: Unknown

Group Art Unit: Unknown

Filed: Concurrently Herewith

For:

**TROCAR SYSTEM AND METHOD OF USE**

APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Asst. Commissioner For Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the [x] utility [ ] design patent application in this case including:

1. [x] This application is a [ ] Continuation; [x] Divisional  
[ ] Continuation in Part of prior application Serial No. 09/526,837 filed on  
March 16, 2000.
2. [ ] This application claims priority from Provisional Application No.  
, filed \_\_\_\_\_.
3. [x] The application consisting of 18 pages (including specification, claims  
and abstract).
4. [x] 13 sheet(s) of drawings is enclosed. The drawings are:
  - a. [x] formal; or
  - b. [ ] informal; formal drawings will be submitted in due course.
5. [x] A signed declaration and power of attorney from the parent application is  
enclosed.

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6. ☐ A declaration and power of attorney is not enclosed at this time since it has not been executed by the inventor(s). A signed declaration and power of attorney will be submitted in due course.

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7. ☒ A copy of the Recorded Assignment of the invention from the parent application to United States Surgical Corporation, a division of Tyco Healthcare Group LP. is enclosed
8. ☒ Please cancel claims 1-10 as originally filed before calculating the filing fee.
9. ☒ The Application filing fee is calculated below.

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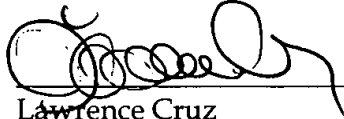
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